

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary serves in the State of Minnesota on its

inland waterways; and

WHEREAS:

Flotilla volunteer members offer their support in a multitude of non-

military and non-law enforcement activities, including vessel safety

checks and public instruction of safe boating courses; and

WHEREAS:

Members provide assistance in times of crisis, aiding Minnesotans during

events such as floods and the I-35 bridge collapse in 2007; and

WHEREAS:

Members of the organization live by one motto, Semper Paratus, meaning

"Always Ready," and are also known as America's Volunteer Lifesavers;

and

WHEREAS:

The Afton Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the oldest flotilla in

the State of Minnesota, is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2-7, 2016, as:

U.S. COAST GUARD

AUXILIARY - AFTON FLOTILLA WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of April.

GOVERNOR

Ptere Pinn